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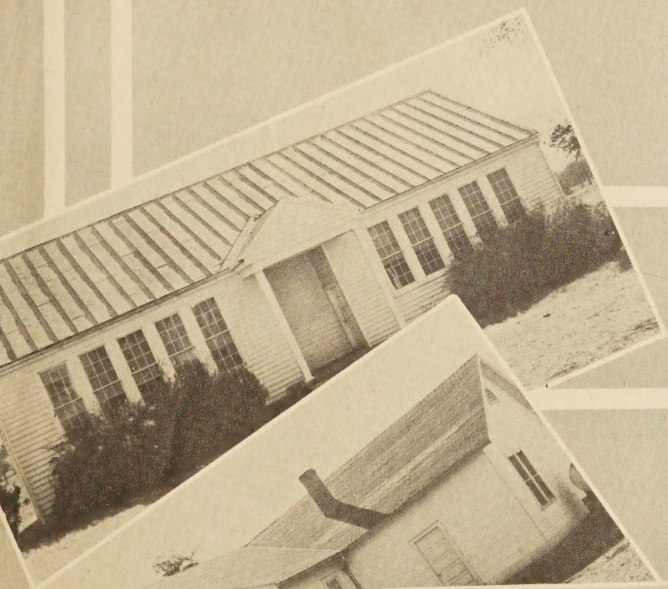

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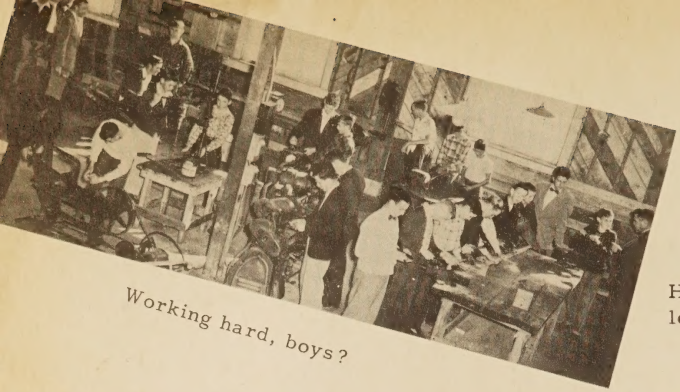
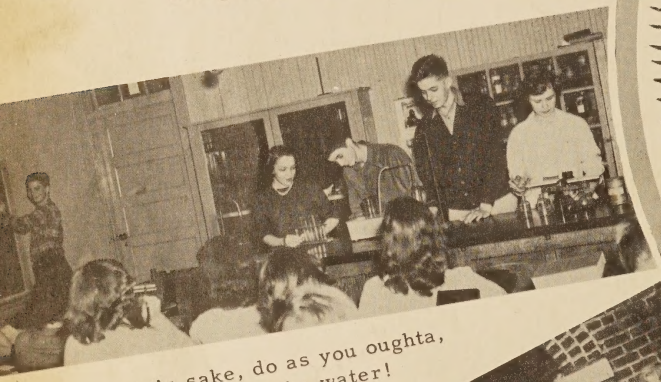


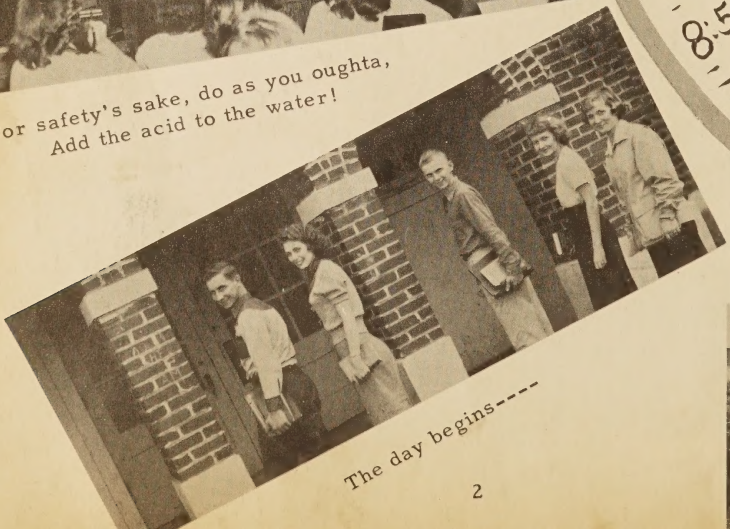
Working hard, boys?

Hungry? Well then,
let's eat!

Swing high! Swing low!

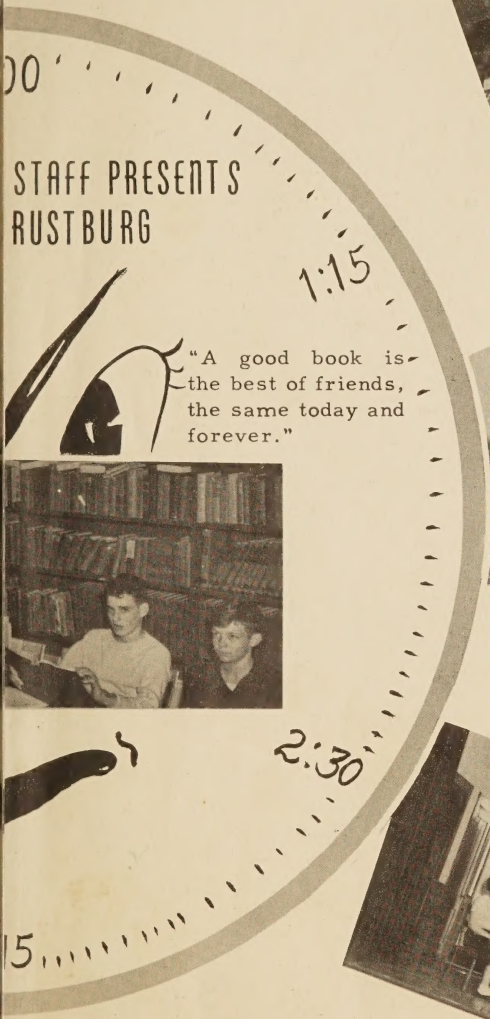


For safety's sake, do as you oughta,
Add the acid to the water!

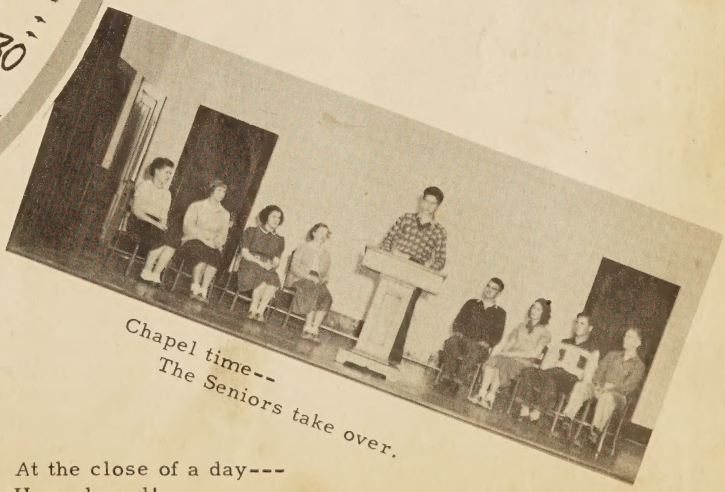


The day begins----

Future American Citizens--
"We the people of the United States---"



Better health through supervised play.



Chapel time--
The Seniors take over.

At the close of a day---
Home bound!

DEDICATION

With pleasure we dedicate this, the 1949-1950 volume of "THE OWL" to Mrs. Odelle Blankinship, with admiration, respect, and appreciation of her contribution in the realm of beauty to our spiritual development. Her life and influence are as sweet music to those whose lives she touches.

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WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO OUR SENIOR SPONSOR FOR MAKING THIS, OUR LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL, A MEMORABLE YEAR, WITH HER OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SPARKLING WIT.

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EFFICIENCY AND CONSCIENCE MARK RUSTBURG HIGH'S LIBRARIAN. SHE CARRIES OUR BEST INTERESTS IN HER MIND AND HEART.

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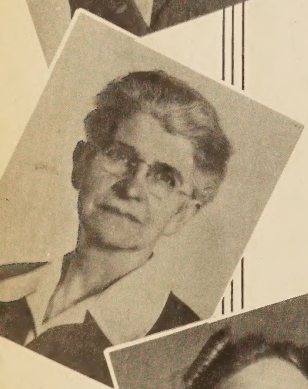

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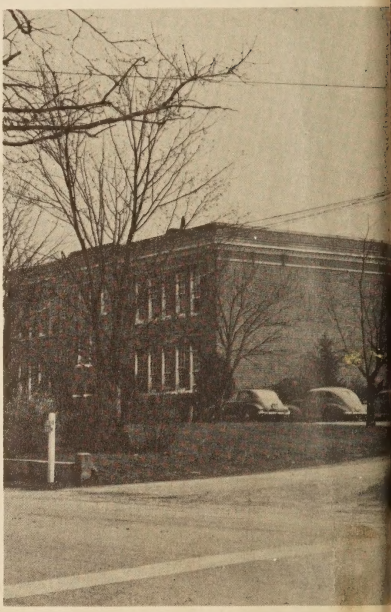

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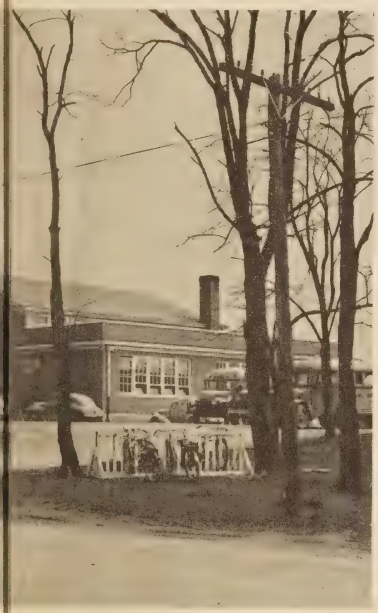

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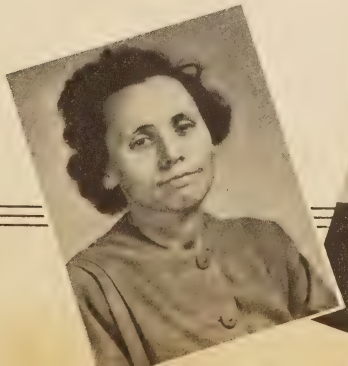

GH SCHOOL

SENIORS OF 1950

President . . . Bobby Upshaw
Vice-President . Joyce Carwile
Secretary . . Charlene Wright
Treasurer . . . Walter Manuel
Reporter . . . . Joyce Bell

Flower
Red Rose
Colors
Blue and White
Motto
"All for one, one for all"

THE HEAVY VELVET CURTAINS BEGIN TO PART PRESENTING A VERY FAMILIAR SCENE AND 37 FAMILIAR FACES. WITH THE KIND ASSISTANCE OF MRS. MINNICK, THE CLASS ELECTS ITS OFFICERS, COLORS AND MOTTO. JOYCE BELL IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF THIS NOISY GANG OF FRESHMEN. BLUE AND WHITE ARE THE SELECTED COLORS, AND MOTTO "ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL" IS QUICKLY SUGGESTED AND APPROVED. SOME OF THE MORE BOISTEROUS FRESHMEN SUGGEST THE STINKWEED AS CLASS FLOWER, BUT THE BEAUTIFUL RED ROSE WINS THE DECISION. THE SCENE BEFORE ME BECOMES HAZY (THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE CHALK AND ERASER BATTLES!) AND THE FRESHMEN DAYS SLOWLY FADE FROM VIEW.

THE CURTAIN OPENS ON ACT 2 REVEALING THE 29 HAPPY-GO-LUCKY SOPHOMORES STRUGGLING THROUGH ALGEBRA. JEAN BELL IS PRESIDENT THIS YEAR AND MRS. MAYBERRY IS THE HOME-ROOM TEACHER. AMONG THE MOST OUTSTANDING EVENTS OF THE YEAR ARE THE TRIPS TO WASHINGTON AND CHARLOTTESVILLE, AND A BEAUTIFUL MAY DAY PROGRAM. COMPLETING THE STUDY OF SHAKESPEARE'S "JULIUS CAESAR", SOPHOMORE DAYS SLOWLY DIM AWAY, LEAVING ONLY 2 MORE MEMORABLE ACTS IN THE DRAMA.

AS THE CURTAIN AGAIN RISES, WE GET A GLIMPSE OF JUNIOR LIFE, A YEAR WHICH WE'LL NEVER FORGET. GARNET MANLEY IS CLASS PRESIDENT THIS YEAR, AND OUR HOME-ROOM TEACHER, MRS. MAYBERRY IS LUCKY! SHE WAS PROMOTED AND SO ACCOMPANIES US IN OUR JUNIOR YEAR. OUTSTANDING HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR ARE THE FARM SHOW, THE FOOTBALL GAME AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, AND THE JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET AND PROM. THE HILARIOUS JUNIOR PLAY "CLEANED AND PRESSED" MEETS WITH GREAT SUCCESS! THE YEAR REACHES ITS CLIMAX WHEN WE, THE JUNIORS, DRESSED IN WHITE, HOLD THE DAISY CHAIN FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS. AS I RECALL THIS EVENT, TEARS DIM MY EYES, AND WHEN MY VISION IS CLEARED, WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY IN THE SENIOR YEAR, WITH BOBBY UPSHAW AS OUR CHOSEN LEADER. WILL WE EVER FORGET THE INSPIRING CHRISTMAS PLAY, DIRECTED BY OUR SENIOR SPONSOR, MRS. G. C. GILES? HAPPY MEMORIES ARE THOSE OF OUR VISITS TO MRS. MAYBERRY'S TO WORK ON THE ANNUAL AND THE MEMORABLE HEN PARTY AT BETTIE'S. REMEMBER THE SENIOR PLAY "NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH" AND WHAT ABOUT THE JUNIOR-SENIOR ENTERTAINMENT THIS YEAR? AT LAST THE FINAL STEP IS TAKEN AND GRADUATING NIGHT IS HERE AT LAST, A SAD PARTING OF FRIENDS FROM R.H.S. WE RECEIVE OUR DIPLOMAS, WHICH CERTIFY TO THE WORLD THAT WE ARE READY TO ACCEPT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND FACE THE TRIALS OF LIFE.

SENIORS

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Rustburg, Virginia

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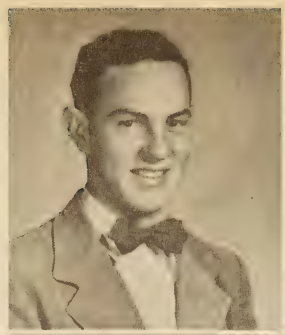
Lynchburg, Virginia



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NANCY JANE BLANKINSHIP

Rustburg, Virginia

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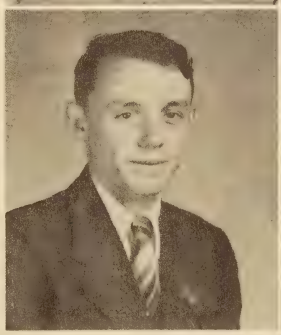
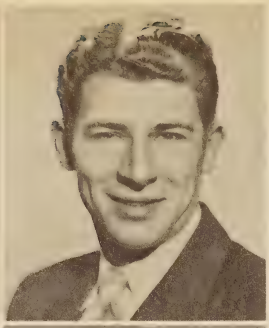
Rustburg, Virginia





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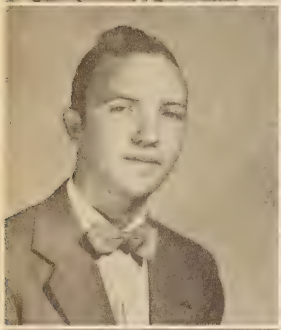

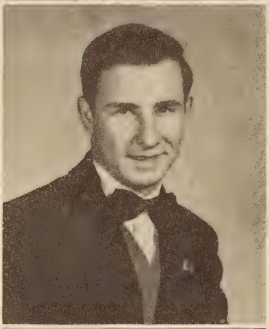

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Lynchburg, Virginia

MARGUERITE PEAKE

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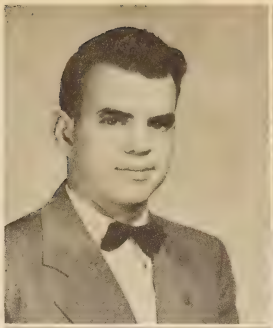

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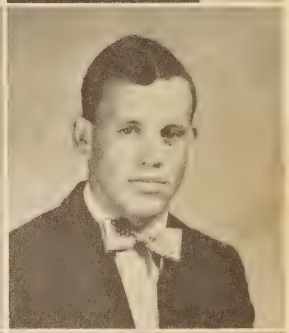

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Rustburg, Virginia

CHARLENE ANNE WRIGHT

Lynchburg, Virginia

ROBERT BUCKNER UPSHAW

Rustburg, Virginia

Garnet Manley, Anne Perrow
"Most Dignified"

Doris Miles, Eugene Lee
"Most Athletic"

Mildred Booth, Bobby Upshaw
"Fun to be With"

David Tanner
Juanita Waller
"Sweethearts"

Jimmy Steele, Charlene Wright
"Quietest"

Joyce Bell, Vincent Pugh
"Best Looking"

Jean Bell, Gilbert Fariss
"Most Likely To Succeed"

Joyce Carwile
Billy Lawrence
"Cutest"

Geraldine Peake
Harry Bailey, Jr.
"Most Popular"

Nancy Blankinship
Eugene Lee
"Neatest"

Marguerite Peake
Harry Bailey, Jr.
"Best All Round"

Betty Scott
Gilbert Fariss
"Wittiest"

Bobby Upshaw
Mattie Lou Kreger
"Best Dancers"

Walter Manuel
Laura Trent
"Happiest"

HARRY HERMAN BAILEY, JR., "Harry"
S.C.A.; 4-H Club 1,2; F.F.A. 3,4, Vice-President 4; Junior Play 3; Glee Club 1,2,3; Newspaper Staff 1,2,3; Volleyball 3; Senior Play.

BETTY JEAN BELL, "Jean"
F.H.A. 2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3; Class President 2; Newspaper Staff 1,2,3; Assistant Editor of Annual 3; Editor of Annual 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play; First Vice-President S.C.A. 3; F.H.A. President 3; S.C.A. 2.

JOYCE FAITH BELL, "Joyce"
Senior Reporter; Freshman President; Junior Reporter; S. C. A. Welfare Chairman 3; Glee Club 1,2,3; F.H.A. 2,3,4, Secretary 3; Southern Regional Convention 3; Newspaper Staff 2,3; Annual Staff 4; Christmas Play 3; Junior Play 3; Senior Play; May Court 3.

NANCY JANE BLANKINSHIP, "Nancy"
F.H.A. 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3; Freshman Vice-President; Sophomore Vice-President; May Court 3; Senior Play.

MILDRED PAGE BOOTH, "Millie"
F.H.A. 2,3,4, Reporter 3, President 4, Federation Reporter 4; Volleyball 3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3; Softball 3,4; Girls' State 3; Junior Treasurer; Junior Play; S.C.A. 3; Senior Play.

JOYCE ANN CARWILE, "Joyce"
Glee Club 1,2,3; F.H.A. 2,3,4, Reporter 4, State Convention 3; Softball 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 3,4; Senior Vice-President; Sophomore Reporter; Newspaper Staff 2,3.

GILBERT MAYS FARISS, "Gilbert"
F.F.A. 2,3,4, Dairy Judging Team 2,3,4, Degree Team 3,4, Forestry Judging Team 4, Secretary 4, State Farmer 4, Rally 4, Committee 3; Senior Play; Christmas Play 4; Annual Staff 4; Volleyball 3,4; S.C.A. Health Chairman 3.

MATTIE LOU KREGER, "Petesie"
F.H.A. 2,4; Glee Club 1,2,3; Football 4; "Rustic Record" 2; S.C.A. Committee 2. Annual Staff 4; Senior Play.

WILLIAM PERRY LAWRENCE, JR., "Billy"
F.F.A. 2,3,4; Baseball 2,3; Volleyball 2,3,4; Junior Secretary; Senior Play; Newspaper Staff 3.

EUGENE HENRY LEE, "Gene"
Softball 1; Baseball 2,3,4; Sophomore Treasurer; S. C. A. 3; Glee Club 3; Volleyball 4; F.F.A. 4; Christmas Play 4; Senior Play; Fire Fighting 4.

GARNET LEFTWICH MANLEY, "Garnet"
F.F.A. 2,3,4, Dairy Judging Team 2,3,4, Beef Cattle Judging Team 4; Degree Team 3,4, Sentinel 2, Vice-President 3, President 4, Hub Federation Reporter 4, Fire Fighting Crew, Rally 2; S.C.A. 3; Freshman Secretary; Junior President; Boys' State 3; Volleyball 2,3,4, Captain 4; Annual Staff 4, Business Manager 4; Senior Play; Glee Club 1,2; Christmas Play 4; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4, President 1,2,3, ALL STAR 3.

WALTER FRANKLIN MANUEL, JR., "Walter"
Glee Club 1; Baseball 2,3,4; F.F.A. *2,3,4, Reporter 4; Volleyball 3,4; Senior Treasurer; Junior Play.

DORIS MARIE MILES, "Doris"
F.H.A. *2,3,4; Volleyball 3,4; Softball 2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3; Senior Play.

GERALDINE FARRAR PEAKE, "Gerry"
F.H.A. 2,3,4, Treasurer 4, State Convention 2; Glee Club 1,2,3; Volleyball 3,4; Softball 3,4; Senior Play.

MARGUERITE PEAKE, "Rite"
Sophomore Secretary; Glee Club 2; Softball 2,3,4, Captain 3; Volleyball 3,4, Captain 3; F.H.A. 2,3,4, Reporter 2; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play.

ANNE DOUGLAS PERROW, "Anne"
F.H.A. 2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3; May Court 2, Maid of Honor 3; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play; Volleyball 4.

VINCENT ALONZA PUGH, "Buddy"
F.F.A. 3,4, Degree Team 3,4, Forestry Judging 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.

BETTY FRANCES SCOTT, "Bettie"
Glee Club 1,2,3; Newspaper Staff 2,3; F.H.A. 2,3,4. Senior Play.

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Volleyball 4; Baseball 4; F.F.A.4 ; Assistant Librarian 3.

DAVID LAWRENCE TANNER, "Peck"
F.F.A. Treasurer 3,4, Dairy Judging Team 3, Forestry Judging Team 4; Degree Team 3; Volleyball Team 3,4; Senior Play.

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JUANITA LOVE WALLER, "Nita"
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Glee Club 1,2,3; F.H.A. Club 2,3,4; Class Reporter 1; Class Secretary 4; Assistant Business Manager of Annual 3; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play.

ROBERT BUCKNER UPSHAW, "Bobby"
Class President 4; Vice-President 3; Annual Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 3; Glee Club 1,2,3; Baseball 2,3; Junior Play 3; Senior Play.

CLASS OF 1951

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President . . . . . Sonny Gear
Vice-President . . . . . Anne Stevens
Secretary . . . . Betty Ann McDermott
Treasurer . . . . . Betty Thompson
Reporter . . . . . Laura Gear
Class Historian . . . Betty Lou Tweedy

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

When school opened September 8, 1947, there was a noisy group of boys and girls in the freshman room. They soon got the name of the worst behaved class in school. We elected Franklin Coleman president and our home room teacher was Mrs. Minnick. Some of the years events were a school newspaper, a May-Day Program, and the Farm Show. The final event of that year was the coming of June when we all got out of school for the summer. As the case of all good things this came to an end when September rolled around again and we started back to school as sophomores. Arvin Moorefield was elected president and our homeroom teacher was Mrs. Martin. During the course of the slow moving year the F. F. A. boys held a Father and Son banquet and the F. H. A. girls a formal dance. The sophomores got their first chance to go to Washington. We managed through the year and when June came our way again we had a wonderful vacation, but that ended with the coming of September again. So back to school we came as juniors. Sonny Gear was chosen president this term and Mrs. Mayberry was our homeroom teacher. During the year we had our favorite square dances, a trip to Washington and we ended up the year with the Junior-Senior Prom. All of this would never have come about if it hadn't been for our homeroom teacher Mrs. Mayberry and so we wish to say that we hope she will be with us through our coming senior year.

Class Flower:
White Carnations

Class Motto:
Not for ones self--But for others

Class Colors:
White and Blue

CLASS OF 1951

Dabner Adkins
Harold Blankinship
Franklin Coleman

Bobby Davidson
Norma Fitch
Arlen Fleshman

Arthur Gear
Laura Gear
Alan Irby

Alice Jennings
Betty Ann McDermott
Barbara Miles

Arvin Moorefield
Manie Reynolds
Joyce Riley

Anne Stevens
Donald Talley
Betty Thompson

Betty Lou Tweedy
Ernest Tweedy

Pictures Do Not Appear:
Franklin Carson
Edward Lair
Leonard Cowart

CLASS OF 1952

CLASS OFFICERS

President . . . . . Danny Wooldridge
Vice-President . . . . . Amy Miles
Secretary . . . . . Doris Wooldridge
Treasurer . . . . . Martha Overbey
Historian . . . . . Mary Coleman
Reporter . . . . . Charlotte Venable

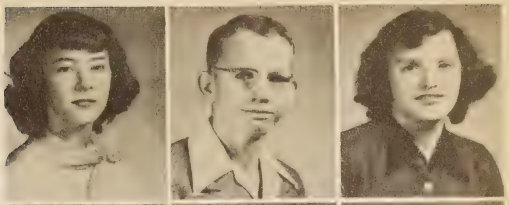
Class Motto: "Cooperation is the key to progress."

Class Flower: Lily of the Valley

Class Colors: Green and White

CLASS OF 1952

Judith Blankinship
Marshall Booth
Betty Lou Brown



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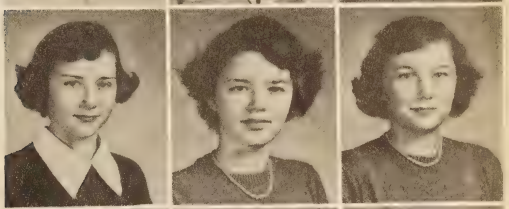
Willie Marie Fariss



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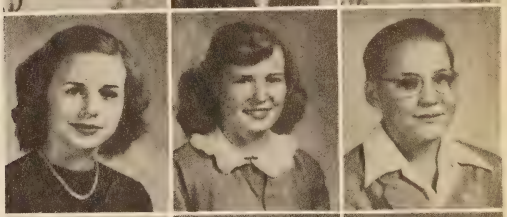
Geraldine Krenning

Mildred Lindsay
Amy Miles
Tommy Moon



Martha Anne Overbey
Norma Riley
Judith Steppe

Susan Swan
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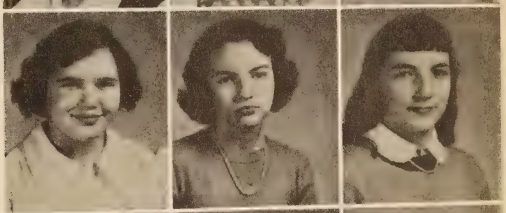

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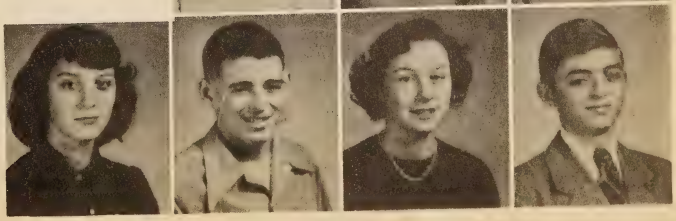

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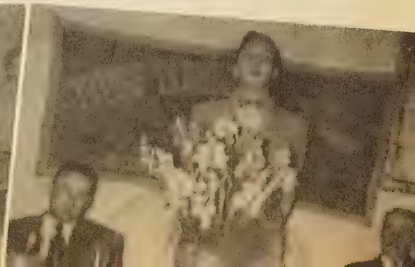

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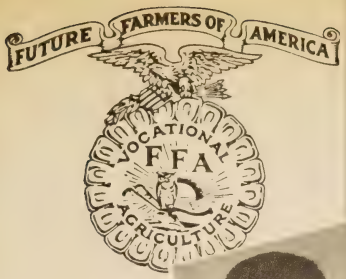

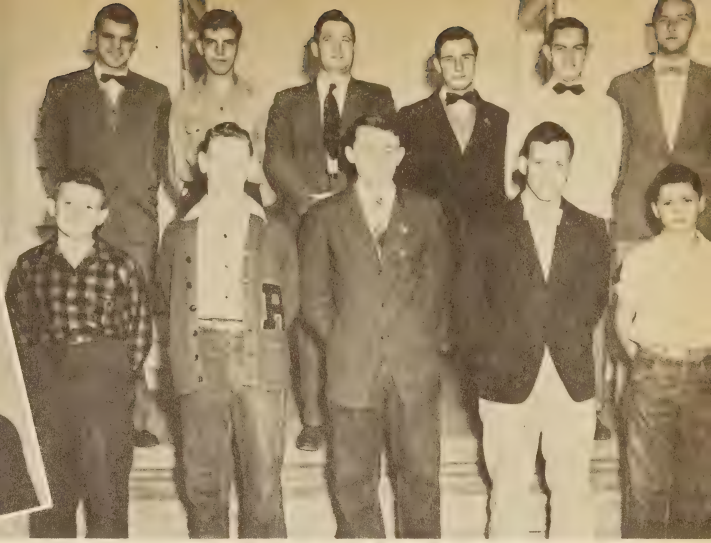

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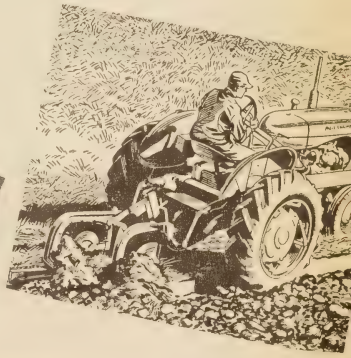

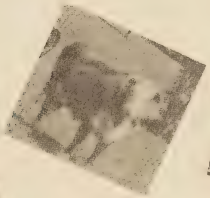

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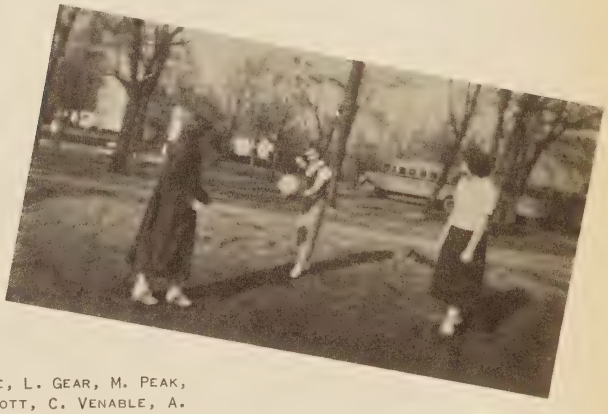

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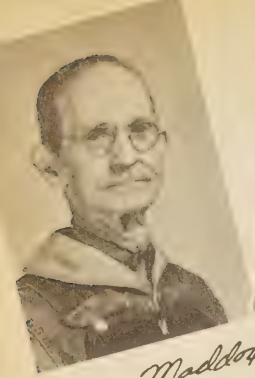

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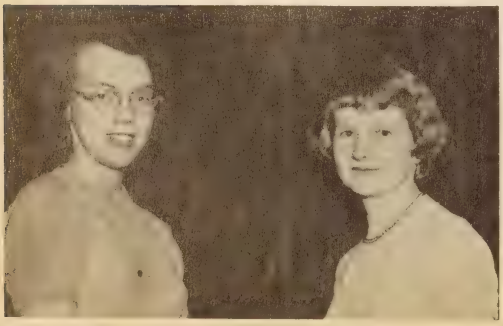

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